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SUBJ: PRC MEDIA REACTION TO UNGA GRUNK WOTE

SUMMARY. DEFEAT OF THE GRUNK RESOLUTION IN UNGA ELICITED SOME OF SHARPEST ANTI-AMERICAN COMMENTS IN PRC MEDIA FOR SOME TIME. PRC UN REPRESENTATIVE HUANG HUA ALSO ATTACKED U.S. DIRECTLY FOR ITS ROLE IN CAMBODIA AND FOR MANIPULATION OF THE UNGA IN ORDER TO CONTINUE " AGGRESSION AND INTERVENTION" IN CAMBODIA. END SUMMARY.

1. THE UNGA DEBATE ON CAMBODIA HAS ELICITED SOME OF THE SHARPEST ANTI-AMERICAN COMMENTS IN THE PRC MEDIA FOR SOME TIME WITH PEKING PROPAGANDISTS CLAIMING THAT THE GRUNK'S LIGITIMATE PLACE IN THE UN HAS BEEN FORESTALLED BY THE U.S., WHICH RESORTED TO "DESPICABLE MEANS AND PLAYED TRICKS". EVEN BEFORE THE VOTE, THE PRC UN REPRESENTATIVE HUANG HUA COMPAINED TO THE UNGA THAT THE "SO-CALLED QUESTION OF CAMBODIA HAS BEEN CREATED SOLELY BY U.S. AGGRESSION AGAINST CAMBODIA," AN ACT HE TERMED A "GROSS VIOLATION OF THE PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER." AMBASSADOR SCALI'S
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PRESENTATION WAS DESCRIBED AS A CONTINUATION OF THE UNG EFFORT

" TO BDURATELY OPPOSE THE RESTORATION TO GRUNK OF ITS LAWFUL RIGHTS" BY " ONCE AGAIN PEDDLING THE " NEGOTIATIONS WITH OUT PRE-CONDITIONS' FRAUD."

2. IN REPORTING HUANG HUA'S STATEMENT AFTER THE VOTE NCNA CASTIGATED THE U.S. AS THE BEHIND - THE SCENES INSTIGATOR, DIRECTING " ITS HANDFUL OF FOLLOWERS". HUANG HUA DEPICTED THE U.S. - SUPPORTED DRAFT AS "NOT ONLY TO COVER UP THE AGGRESSION AND INTERVENTION WHICH THE U.S. IS STILL CARRYING ON IN CAMBODIA, BUT ALSO TO ASK THE UN TO INTERFERE " IN CAMBODIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE DECLARED THE RESOLUTION AS "UTTERLY NULL AND VOID AND MEANINGLESS".

3. FOLLOWING UP ON THE UNGA VOTE, PEOPLE'S DAILY IN AN EDITORIAL DECEMBER 1 CONDEMNED THE U.S. AS HAVING "SPARED NO EFFORT TO MAKE TROUBLE AND RESORT TO ACTS OF SABOTAGE." THE EDITORIAL CONSIDERED THE USG AS "PANICKY" OVER THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION AND HAVING COMMITTED " A NEW UNDISGUISED HOSTILITY-- TOWARDS THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE." IN DESCRIBING THE U.S. MANEUVERS, THE EDITORIAL CONSIDERED THE U.S. POSITION AS "INCONSISTENT, CONFUSED AND EMBARRASSED". IN SUMMATION, THE EDITORIAL CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED THAT THE GRUNK CAUSE HAS SUFFERED ONLY A "TEMPORARY DELAY".

4. THE DIRECT CRITICISM OF THE U.S. IS THE HARSHTEST WE HAVE NOTED FOR SOME TIME, ALTHOUGH SOME OF ITS LANGUAGE COINCIDES WITH THAT OF THE DECEMBER 7, 1973 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL WHICH ATTACKED THE UNGA'S POSTPONEMENT OF THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE FOR ONE YEAR. PERHAPS FLUSHED BY THE SUCCESS ON THE PLO VOTE, PEKING CONSIDERED GRUNK TO HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE SUPPORT DURING THE CURRENT UNGA SESSION AND WAS PARTICULARLY STUNG BY THE DEFEAT, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PRC WAS A SPONSOR. ALSO, THE VOTE PROBABLY CONSIDERABLY DAMPENS PEKING'S HOPES ABOUT HAVING ITS WAY ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. FINALLY, FOR THE PRC, THE VOTE DEMONSTRATES THE LACK OF UNITY WHICH PEKING HOPES ABOUT HAVING ITS WAY ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. FINALLY, FOR THE PRC, THE VOTE DEMONSTRATES THE LACK OF UNITY WHICH PEKING CONTINUALLY CLAIMS EXISTS AMONG THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY SOME OF ITS CLOSEST ASIAN NEIGHBORS LED THE ANTI-GRUNK FORCES.

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5. ALTHOUGH THE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON NOVEMBER 27 AND EARLY NOVEMBER 28, THE PRC APPARENTLY WAITED UNTIL SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD DEPARTED PEKING NOVEMBER 29 BEFORE COMMENTING ON THE VOTE. SIHANOUK'S NOVEMBER 28 STATEMENT ALSO WAS NOT CARRIED BY NCNA UNTIL NOVEMBER 30.
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